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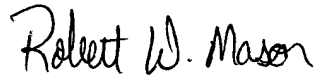
REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the Abstract herein are neither being presented nor made in response to the citation of any prior art known to the Applicant or the Applicant's attorneys. The amendments made to the Abstract are further not made for any reason related to any statutory requirements for patentability. It is submitted that no new matter has been added. A clean copy of the Abstract is attached to this Preliminary Amendment as Exhibit A.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the thorough and complete examination of this application and earnestly solicits an early notice of allowance.

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Exhibit A

ABSTRACT

A portable communication device for conference calls, comprising at least first and second speech encoder paths with first and second inputs for connection to first and second recording devices , respectively, and at least one output connected to signal processor means for receiving and processing first and second electronic signals from said recording devices via said first and second speech encoder paths for transmission to a transmitter/receiver operatively connected to said signal processor means, wherein said apparatus is adapted to receive said first and second electronic signals simultaneously even if the signals are different, and said apparatus comprises a summator adapted to sum said first and second electronic signals into a sum signal for transmission to said transmitter/receiver.